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SUBJECT: STRIKE VOTE BY OECD STAFF ASSOCIATION

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE GRUMBLING AND CHAGRIN THAT NO POSITIVE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON EITHER THE PENSION SCHEME OR AN ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES TO REFLECT THE EVER-RISING COST OF LIVING, THE OECD STAFF ASSOCIATION HAD A SEALED INDIVIDUAL VOTING PROCEDURE ON TUESDAY MAY 11 TO REPLACE THE CRITICIZED PREVIOUS OPEN POLLING AND QUESTIONABLE LATER HANDLING OF THE "RESULTS" BY MILITANT SPOKESMEN AND OUTSIDE TRADE UNION LEADERS. ALTHOUGH THE PENSION SCHEME WAS MENTIONED, THE MAIN ISSUE WAS THE COST OF LIVING AND SALARY ISSUE AS REFLECTED IN THE 129TH REPORT OF THE CCG WHICH AT THAT VERY TIME WAS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE OECD COUNCIL.

2. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED THE ISSUE WAS DRAWN UP AND PRESENTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT NOT TO VOTE TO STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST THE 129TH REPORT AND TO DEMONSTRATE OECD STAFF ASSOCIATION SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER CCG INTERNATIONAL STAFFS. OF THE APPROXIMATELY 1,700 STAFF EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, UNCLASSIFIED

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70 PERCENT VOTED, OF WHICH 62 PERCENT VOTED FOR STRIKE

PROTEST ACTION. THE STRIKE DATE OR FORM IS NOT SET BUT IT IS LIKELY TO BE A WORK STOPPAGE ON MAY 20 AND 21. THE 20TH APPARENTLY CHOSEN IN PART TO COINCIDE WITH ONE OF TWO DAYS OF A SCHEDULED CCG MEETING. IT ALSO COINCIDES WITH THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, ONE OF THE KEY MEETINGS IN THIS PRE-MINISTERIAL PERIOD.

COMMENT: THE VOTING WAS QUIET AND DIGNIFIED. POSTERS AND LITERATURE APPEARED THROUGHOUT PUBLIC AREAS ON MONDAY MAY 10, BUT WERE PROMPTLY REMOVED BY WEDNESDAY MAY 12TH.

NOTE: THE PROBABLE STRIKE WILL BE COORDINATED WITH EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF NATO, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ET AL. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL VOTE BREAKDOWN:

A. TOTAL VOTE: (1,746 REGISTERED)
1221 VOTED (70 OF THOSE REGISTERED)
28 BALLOTS BLANC OR INVALID
1193 VALID VOTES WERE CAST.

B. STRIKE VOTE: 740 OR 62 OF THE VALID VOTES
FAVORED ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING STRIKE
OPTIONS:

A) 1 DAY STRIKE: 262
B) 2 DAY STRIKE: 111
C) 2 DAY STRIKE OR LONGER: 367
D) A DAY OF PROTEST: 329

C. OPPOSED TO STRIKE OR PROTEST: 124 OR L0
OF ACTUAL VOTE.

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